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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Parties to D.T.E. 98-57 Phase IV

FROM: Jesse S. Reyes, Hearing Officer

RE: Procedural Schedule and Petition for Approval of Settlement Agreement

DATE: December 27, 2001

On December 21, 2001, Verizon New England, Inc. d/b/a/ Verizon Massachusetts ("Verizon"), Sprint Communications Company, L.P. ("Sprint"), and Covad Communications Company ("Covad") (collectively, "Joint Petitioners") filed a <u>Joint Petition for Approval of Settlement Agreement</u> concerning collocation power issues and revising Verizon's collocation tariff, M.D.T.E. No. 17, under review in D.T.E 98-57 Phase IV.

The remaining procedural schedule is hereby suspended while the Department reviews the joint petition. Because of the holidays, the hearing officer is extending the comment period. The hearing officer directs all parties who wish to submit comments on the settlement to file comments with the Department by the close of business on **January 9, 2002**.

Please contact Jesse S. Reyes at (617) 305-3735 should you have any questions.

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